

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 3-4, 8 and 14-17 are currently amended, Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 5-7, 9-13 and 18-19 remain unchanged. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claim 19 and indication that Claims 3-13 and 15-18 include allowable subject matter.

Allowable original Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 3 is allowable. Claims 4-7, 14-15 and 17 depend from Claim 3 and should be allowed for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter.

Allowable original Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 8 is allowable. Claims 9-13 depend from Claim 3 and should be allowed for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter.

Allowable original Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 16 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 3-19 are respectfully requested. In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out. Please note that Applicants have changed representation and are now represented by new counsel. The formal Revocation of Power of Attorney / New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address documents will be forthcoming.

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Respectfully submitted,

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